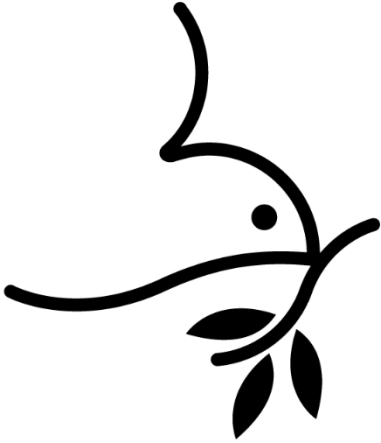




Mennonite Church of Normal

A congregation of
Mennonite Church USA

August 2, 2026

Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world

Order of Worship

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Congregational Life

Prelude

Call to Worship

Singing Praise to God

Hymns	<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>	VT* 91
	<i>Together</i>	VT 389

Gathering Prayer

Hearing God's Word

Children's Time	<i>Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast</i>	VT 511
Scripture	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	
Sermon	<i>A Different Diligence</i>	

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	VT 392
Sharing Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Stewardship Affirmation		
Hymn of Communion	<i>Put Peace into Each Other's Hands</i>	VT 485
Communion Service		
Congregational Conversation		

Sending in the Spirit's Power

Sending Song	<i>Help Us to Help Each Other</i>	VT 722
Benediction		
Final Response	<i>As You Go Out from Here</i>	VT 841

**Voices Together Hymnal*

Assisting in Worship:

Worship Planner & Leader: Marge Weaver

Sermon: Kevin Chupp

Accompaniment & Prelude: Lydia Hedberg

Song Leader: Barry Weaver

Pastoral Prayer: Lauren Satchwell

Children's Time: Darrel Miller

Communion Leader: Holly Zehr

Tech: Glenn Wilson & Adam Augspurger

In Memoriam:

Esther Brown, member of MCN: October 22, 1939 – May 9, 2026

Ardys Serpette, member of MCN: July 5, 1939 – July 7, 2026

Announcements from the Midweek:

- **MMN Service Adventure Presentation:** Today, August 2 at 5 pm in the MRC Community Building, Ian will share about his year in Alaska with Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure, a 10-month gap-year program.
- **Communion Today:** We will celebrate Communion in worship today. In preparation, we are all encouraged to engage in self-examination of both our relationships with God, and with others. We also receive specially designated gifts for our Mutual Aid Fund on Communion Sundays as a means of assisting others in need through being the Body of Christ. There will be a special basket in the back of the sanctuary for those funds.
- **Menno Haven Sunday:** Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 am join us for worship at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center in Tiskilwa, IL followed by lunch and afternoon activities. Learn more in the Midweek. Sign up in the Fellowship Area.
- **MCC School Kits:** Learn how you can help with making School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee this August in the Midweek.
- **VT Update:** Your Vision Team met on July 23 and the meeting discussion included:
 - Updates on each of the commissions.
 - In discussion with the 50th Anniversary Committee, the Commission Chairs, the Vision Team has approved a reallocation of some unused funds from the spending plan to cover costs of the celebration.
 - August 2nd is communion Sunday and our service will include an important congregational conversation about how we experience church together and how envision our future as a faith community.
- **CDC Connector:** The newest edition of Central District Conference's monthly Connector publication is now available to read at the link in the Midweek. The July issue of the Connector is full of photos and reflections from last month's Annual Meeting at EMU. We also celebrate recent graduates from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, including the first DMin program graduates! **If you would like a paper copy, they are now available to take from the Library Table.**

This Week:

Sunday 8/2	5:00 pm	MMN Service Adventure Presentation
Tuesday 8/4	3:00 pm	Pastoral Team (Zoom)
Wednesday 8/5	1:00 pm	Quilting
Thursday 8/6	7:00 am	Next Man Bible Study
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Friday 8/7	10:00 am	Hands All Around Quilt Guild Stash Sale

Our Vision:

Mennonite Church of Normal is a nurturing, Christ-centered Anabaptist congregation that welcomes all people. As followers of Jesus, we aspire to transform our communities and world into places of peace, healing, and hope.

Our Welcome:

All people of any race, ethnicity, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation, age, education, or ability who confess faith in Jesus Christ, are welcome to participate in the full life and ministry of the Mennonite Church of Normal. Furthermore, all people of any gender or sexual orientation who confess faith in Jesus Christ, may become members, be married, and are eligible for all volunteer, staff, and pastoral positions at MCN.

Building Open Hours: Monday – Friday: 9am-11am & 1:30pm-3pm

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Custodian: Rita Munkakusi

Community Life Commission, Outreach Commission, Spiritual Gifts

Discernment Team, & Worship Commission Pastor:

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Pastor Kevin designated office hours:

Wednesdays, 8am-12pm (or call to plan a visit)

**Pastoral Team Leader and Administration Commission, Discipling
Commission, and Vision Team Pastor:**

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